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which form polyorganosiloxane skeletons, repeating units comprising amide units which form polyamide skeletons, repeating units comprising units which comprise isocyanate groups which form skeletons chosen from polyurethane skeletons, polyurea skeletons and polyurea-urethane skeletons, repeating units comprising carbamate which form skeletons chosen from polyurethane skeletons, polyurea skeletons and polyurea-urethane skeletons, and repeating units comprising urea which form skeletons chosen from polyurethane skeletons, polyurea skeletons and polyurea-urethane skeletons.--

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the attached Appendix shows the changes that have been made by the proposed amendment.

Remarks

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-45, 47-67, 69-113, and 118-166 are pending in this application. Claim 15 has been amended to more clearly delineate the subject matter that Applicants regard as within the scope of their invention. This amendment in no way narrows the scope of the amended claim as one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that polyorganosiloxane skeletons, polyamide skeletons, polyurethane skeletons, polyurea skeletons, and polyurea-urethane skeletons each represent a broad class of polymers as contemplated in original claim 15. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification and claims as filed.

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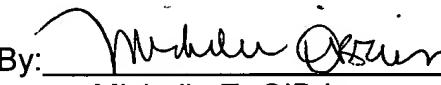
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of the pending claims and reexamination of the application. The timely allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Supplemental Response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix

Version with markings to show changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii):

15. (Twice Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said repeating units comprising at least one non-pendant hetero atom are chosen from repeating units comprising hydrocarbon-based repeating units and silicone units which form [a] polyorganosiloxane[-type] skeletons, repeating units comprising amide units which form [a] polyamide[-type] skeletons, repeating units comprising units which comprise isocyanate groups which form [a] skeletons chosen from polyurethane[-type] skeletons, polyurea[-type] skeletons and polyurea-urethane[-type] skeletons, repeating units comprising carbamate which form [a] skeletons chosen from polyurethane[-type] skeletons, polyurea[-type] skeletons and polyurea-urethane[-type] skeletons, and repeating units comprising urea which form [a] skeletons chosen from polyurethane[-type] skeletons, polyurea[-type] skeletons and polyurea-urethane[-type] skeletons.

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